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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) CONFIRMATION NO.: 9917
Manabu HONMA, et al.)
U.S. Serial No.: 10/576,940) Group Art Unit: 1792
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2008 is due by April 25, 2008. The Action required election among three patentably distinct species.

Applicants hereby elect Species A. This corresponds to claims 1-4 and 8.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for any non-elected claims in due course.

It is submitted that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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